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NORTH DAKOTA PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY

BISMARCK – The state's fallen law enforcement officers will be remembered tomorrow, Wednesday, **May 13, 2009**, designated as North Dakota Peace Officer Memorial Day. The memorial service will be held on the state capitol grounds at **1:30 pm**. The memorial service is held each year during National Police Week (May 10-16, 2009) and honors the nation's law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

"North Dakota's law enforcement officers protect and serve the communities without regard for their own safety," said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. "Each year, we pay tribute to peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. These law enforcement officers made the ultimate sacrifice, and they will be remembered."

Tracy Stein, ND Department of Corrections Division of Field Services will serve as the master of ceremonies. Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle, ND Supreme Court, and US Attorney Drew Wrigley also will be speaking at the Peace Officer Memorial Service. The ND Peace Officers Honor Guard will make a presentation of a Memorial Wreath. Bismarck Police Chaplain Dan Sweeney will read the Roll Call, after which there will be a rifle volley in tribute to the fallen heroes. Chief Deputy Attorney General Tom Trenbeath will play the bagpipes.

The memorial service will be followed by a reception in the Judicial Wing Atrium. The public is invited to attend.

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